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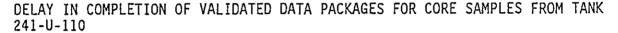
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Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:



In response to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) comments on the "Waste Characterization Plan for the Hanford Site Single-Shell Tanks,' Westinghouse Hanford Company committed to provide copies of validated data packages within 90 days of completion of the analysis. This letter provides notification that the submittal of the Validated Data Packages for samples taken from Tank 241-U110 (110U) will be delayed approximately one month past the agreed upon 90 days following completion of laboratory analyses. All planned analyses for core samples taken from 110U were completed on August 22, 1990, and preparation of validated data packages for the samples are currently anticipated by December 21, 1990.

The primary cause of delay in completion of the data packages has been an under estimation of the magnitude of the effort required to compile, format, and prepare the final report. Each completed data package may run to an excess of 2000 total pages in length. As part of preparing these initial data packages, an extensive learning effort has been required by laboratory staff as nothing similar has been required in the past.

Delays on future data package presentation are not expected since the magnitude of the effort involved is now much better understood. Personnel are now experienced in preparation of this type of package and most of the false starts and mistakes encountered with the initial packages will be avoided.

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In addition, future analysis will be performed slightly differently in that tank core composite samples will be prepared and analyzed at approximately the same time as the segment analyses. This will help ensure that all core data are obtained at approximately the same time.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. M. J. Anthony of the Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office on (509) 376-8075.

Sincerely,

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